**Zonal transport departments**

540. SHRI. KARNENDU BHATTACHARJEE: Will the Minister of SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government would direct the Capital Transport Department that Zonal Transport Departments should not be more than five kilometres distance from the areas it would cover in order to decongest the existing transport departments;

(b) if so. by when it is expected to be done in order to facilitate ladies and senior citizens; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER Of STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI K.H. MUNIYAPPA): (a) to (c) Road Transport is a State subject. It is the prerogative of the State Governments to open zonal offices of the Transport Department keeping in view the number of motor vehicles, requirement of its citizens and importance of the area/zone due to social, economic and geographical reasons. There is no such proposal on the part of this department to direct the State Governments to open more zonal offices.

**Delinking of Vadinar from Kandla Port**

541. SHRI KESHUBHAI S. PATEL:
SHRI KANJIBHAI PATEL:

Will the Minister of SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are considering to delink Vadinar area from Kandla Port limit and revert back to Gujarat State;

(b) if so, by when it would be included in Gujarat State; and

(c) how much compensation would be rewarded to the State of Gujarat?

THE MINISTER OF SHIPPING ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI T.R. BAALU): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (,c) Do not arise.

**Road accidents in metro cities**

†542. SHRI JANESHWAR MISHRA:

SHRI BRIJ BHUSHAN TIWARI:

Will the Minister of SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the increasing number of road accidents in all metro cities including Delhi;

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†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.